

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 11-15, 17-21, and 35-42 are pending.

Claim 37 was objected to for being duplicative of claim 36. Claim 37 has been canceled.

Claims 1, 3-12, 14, 16, 18-24, 26, 28-33, 35, 39, and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 for allegedly being anticipated by Sata et al. U.S. Pat. No. 5,134,499.

Claims 15, 17, 27, and 36-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103 in view of Sata et al. and Official Notice taken by the examiner.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 2, 13, 25, 34, and 40-42 recite allowable subject matter. However, it is believed that the claims as originally filed and amended herein are allowable over the cited art. Nonetheless, claim 40 has been rewritten in independent form and includes the base claim 33; there are no intervening claims. Claim 33 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims depending from claim 33 have been amended accordingly. Claim 40 is therefore believed to be allowable.

Claims 1 and 12 recite a data storage system whereby information is continuously recorded in temporary areas among storage devices, including writing a first part of the information to a temporary storage area of a first storage device and writing a second part of the information to a temporary storage area of a second storage device.

On the other hand, Sata discloses performing continuous recording on one recording medium, and when the device cannot record, a RAM is written. See column 6, lines 42-60, and in particular lines 58-60. Sata clearly does not show or suggest that each storage device has a temporary storage area and an ordinary recording area. Sata does not show or suggest writing a first part of information to a first temporary area of a first storage device and writing a second part of information to a second temporary area of a second storage device.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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